

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Lower South Platte - Wildlife

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Lower South Platte - Wildlife		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds, groundwater contamination or point source contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable amount of ground or surface water conservation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the project address invasive and/or noxious plants on contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the project result in an improvement to the existing management system to meet the state AFO/CAFO regulations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Is the proposed project located within the State NRCS wildlife priority area, and do the planned practices address the habitat needs of the targeted species designated in the wildlife priority area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Will the proposed project reduce field soil loss to below "T", or, will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced or streambank erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Does the applicant currently use a progressive conservation plan that was developed within the last five years and includes the same resource concern and practices they are currently applying for?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Does the applicant meet one or more of the following conditions: a. Did the applicant successfully complete any past EQIP contract(s) in full compliance; or, b. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance; or, c. The applicant has never had an EQIP contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Has any portion of the offered acreage been set aside or inventoried by a Cultural Resources Specialist or Archeologist?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the primary purpose of the project to maintain, enhance, or restore sagebrush-steppe, riparian, mountain shrub, or coldwater stream habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

2. Is the primary purpose of the project to maintain, enhance, or restore wetland, pasture and hayland, warmwater stream or pond habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is the primary purpose of the project to maintain, enhance, or restore pinyon-juniper, deciduous-coniferous woodland, or cropland habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Is the primary purpose of the project to improve habitat for a wildlife species that is currently catagorized as a State species of concern, State candidate species, or Federal candidate species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Is the primary purpose of the project to improve habitat for a wildlife species that is currently catagorized as a Federal threatened species, Federal Endangered species, State threatened species, or State Endangered species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Is the primary purpose of the project to improve habitat for one of the following species: pheasant; Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep; desert bighorn sheep; pronghorn; elk, mule deer; trout; mountain white fish; or turkey.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Do the proposed practices address the most limiting factor on the property for the targeted specie? (document with species or habitat model)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Are there at least 3 partners (not including the participant or NRCS) contributing dollars for the project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Are there only 2 partners (not including the participant or NRCS) contributing dollars for the project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Is there only 1 partner (not including the participant or NRCS) contributing dollars for the project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Do the planned practices establish and maintain native vegetation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Will the participant implement an Integrated Pest Management Plan on the contracted acres to address prevention and/or treatment of noxious weeds?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Will implementation of the project result in a minimum increase in the Wildlife Habitat Index of .5 points for the targeted species? (To calculate index use species models in biology tech note #40 or, if a model is not available for the targeted species use the Colorado Wildlife Evaluation Guide).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Will implementation of the project result in an increase in the Wildlife Habitat Index of between .3 and .49 points for the targeted species? (To calculate index use species models in biology tech note #40 or, if a model is not available for the targeted species use the Colorado Wildlife Evaluation Guide).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. Will implementation of the project result in an increase in the Wildlife Habitat Index of between .1 and .29 points for the targeted species? (To calculate index use species models in biology tech note #40 or, if a model is not available for the targeted species use the Colorado Wildlife Evaluation)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Does the proposal address energy conservation with the application of a Conservation Power Plant (practice code 716)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: